

From The President

Your community council's board of directors elected new chairpersons in January, and I thought you'd like to know a little about those people and the volunteer work they will be doing for their neighborhood.

Charles Cash will continue to chair our Comprehensive Planning Committee, monitoring requests for zoning changes in the neighborhood and reporting to the Council's board of directors on the requests. Charles also helps us keep up with new regulations and their impact on the neighborhood.

Rick McChane will chair our Education Committee, coordinating our contacts with neighborhood schools, at a time when local education is becoming more neighborhood-based. Jane Smith will continue to lead our membership efforts. Under Jane's tenure as membership chairperson, we've broken one record after another, as membership has steadily increased.

Gene Heustis and Glenn Kosse will continue to be responsible for the newsletter you are reading. While Glenn fills the pages with news, Gene makes sure we pay our considerable bills by soliciting advertisements from area businesses.

Michele Hundley will continue to organize volunteers for the Council's special activities, like City Fair and the Old Fashioned Fourth of July. It takes a lot of people, but Michele finds them.

Liz Pike will continue to coordinate our block leader program, making sure that timely information about neighborhood cleanups and other events is distributed in each block of the neighborhood.

Finally, Richard Jett, Rosie Scott and Bill Ray are working on several beautification projects which promise to make a big impact this spring. Richard will coordinate our beautification efforts on Frankfort Avenue, working with the Frankfort Avenue Business Association to make that street, including the new flower beds, attractive. Rosie Scott and Bill Ray are chairing a committee which is overseeing the Grinstead Gateway project, about which more is written elsewhere in the newsletter.

Names, addresses and telephone numbers of our chairpersons are listed on page 4, and all of them would love to hear your comments on their areas of responsibilities. Tell them what you think, but also tell them "thanks". They deserve it

Bill Hollander

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Reminiscing About Crescent Hill Businesses

The model block project, discussed on the cover, is contributing to the revitalization of an old commercial area. As early as 1900, a grocer, a shoemaker, a blacksmith and a druggist were located near the area.

Porcini, Crescent Hill's new Italian restaurant, is located in space once occupied by Piggly Wiggly, a grocery store. Other businesses in the 2700 block of Frankfort Avenue were a Louisville Trust Company branch, Shrader Bros. Dry Cleaners and a Steiden Store.

But the institution in the block was Hinkebein's drugstore, which operated in the building which now houses Just Creations, on the corner of Bayly and Frankfort. Hinkebein's started filling prescriptions in 1911. It also became a neighborhood hangout, and dancing classes were offered upstairs.

As two Crescent Hill residents reminisced in Samuel W. Thomas' 1987 book *Crescent Hill Revisited*:

..."Hinkebein's was a great place for rock candy. These were in little jars. We usually preferred to get a soda or sundae at the baker. Hinkebein's was more of a drugstore. There wasn't the association with food as at the baker. You went to Hinkenbein's to get your cough syrup and prescriptions filled. They put a post office in Mr. Hinkebein's store. That was quite an innovation"...

..."This was just a plain little town a honey of a town. There was Harmtz's hardware store, Schaich's baker, Hinkebein's drugstore and Joe Moore's drugstore and a grocery"...

Save The Library - Mail Today!!

Dear _____:

I am writing to express my concern for the future of the Crescent Hill Branch Library.

The branch has been a much appreciated part of our neighborhood since 1908. This was confirmed by the overwhelming support of the voters in this area for the recent library tax initiative. It is ironic that the money earmarked by the city to make our library accessible to all citizens is now on hold until the fate of the library is determined.

I urge your support of the library system as a whole, and especially the Crescent Hill branch. If we truly desire to be a first class city, we must be able to provide well-equipped libraries in our neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

Name _____

Address _____

Send to:

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Louisville, KY 40202-2730

Alderman Melissa Mershon
City Hall
601 W Jefferson St
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Judge-Executive David Armstrong
627 W Jefferson St, Suite 401
Louisville, KY 40202

County Commissioner Tom Eifler
527 W Jefferson St, Suite 201
Louisville, KY 40202

Ms. Harriet Henderson
Louisville Free Public Library
301 York Street
Louisville KY, 40202

Student Assignment Plan Means Assignments to Neighborhood Schools

Under the new student-assignment plan passed by the Jefferson County Board of Education in December, all elementary students (K-5) will be assigned to one school close to their homes, beginning in the 1992-93 school year. While elementary students' parents can select a voluntary transfer to another school, the likely effect of the plan is that more elementary students will be attending their neighborhood school.

Your neighborhood organization, the Crescent Hill Community Council, and its Education Committee, would like to know what you think the council and the committee should be doing as our schools become more neighborhood oriented. What information would you like to see published in this newsletter? What relationships should we develop, and what types of meetings and forums would you like us to sponsor? What else should we be doing?

Please contact committee chairperson Rick McChane, 893-0531, or write him at 227 Pleasantview Ave., Louisville, KY 40206.

Improving Kentucky's schools will require support from everyone. We'd like to know what you think we should be doing to help.

Grinstead Gateway Plans Approved

Plans for the Grinstead Gateway landscaping project have been approved by the Kentucky Department of Highways, and construction work in the area should be underway soon. The plans, which were donated to the Crescent Hill Community Council by landscape architect Bill Ray, call for planting a curving line of about 80 evergreen shrubs down the center of the Grinstead Drive median on the north side of I-64. The evergreens will be flanked by day lilies and other perennials. The ends of the median will be covered with a hard surface, to prevent vehicles from damaging plant material.

The project is being funded by a \$1,500 donation by the Community Council and a \$10,000 grant from the City of Louisville, through Alderman Melissa Mershon.

Because the area is administered by the state, the first step in implementing the plans was gaining state approval for the project. The next step is filling the median with good top soil, followed by the installation of the shrubs and plants. The median project is expected to be completed this spring.

Ray's plans also call for plantings on either side of Grinstead Drive, and the installation of signs identifying the Crescent Hill neighborhood. Rosie Scott & Bill Ray are chairing the project for the Council.

Notable Quote

"You can walk out the front door to the supermarket, restaurants, the library or the water company reservoir, where I jog four or five miles most days..."

This community has all the warmth and hospitality of a small town and all the advantages of a big city."

WLKY-32 news anchor Bruce Dunbar, telling *The Courier-Journal* why Crescent Hill was love at first sight. Dunbar and his wife, Cathy, live at George Rogers Clark Place, a schoolhouse converted into condominiums, in Crescent Hill.



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